

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
July 9, 2013

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom of Borough Hall on July 9, 2013 and was called to order by Mayor John E. Ekdahl at 7:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ekdahl, Councilwoman DeVoe, Councilmen Broderick, Day, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

Absent: None.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was present.

David Marks of T & M Associates was present.

The Mayor declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular and work meetings of the Borough Council for the year 2013 to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

On motion by Councilwoman DeVoe, seconded by Councilman Rubin, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

LETTER FROM LANDMARK SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING, INC. ADVISING OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF CHARLES C. ALPERT TO THE STATE OF NJ DEP FOR A COASTAL GENERAL PERMIT FOR RE-CONSTRUCTION OF A STORM DAMAGED SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 22 WARREN STREET:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter June 28, 2013 from Landmark Surveying and Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Charles C. Alpert. The letter advised of an application submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Land Use Regulation Program for a Coastal General Permit for the re-construction of a storm damaged single-family house on property located at 22 Warren Street.

LETTER FROM AQUA-TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL INC. ADVISING OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF MR. AND MRS. THOMAS GWYDIR TO THE STATE OF NJ DEP FOR A WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT INDIVIDUAL PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A DOCK WITH BOATLIFT AND A JET SKI LIFT ON THE BULKHEAD ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 99 WATERMAN AVENUE:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter June 25, 2013 from Aqua-Terra Environmental Inc. on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gwydir. The letter advised of an application submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Land Use Regulation Program for a Waterfront Development Permit for the construction of a recreational dock with boatlift and Jet Ski lift on the bulkhead on property located at 99 Waterman Avenue.

LETTER FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY D.E.P. CONFIRMING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE COASTAL GENERAL PERMIT OF JACK AND ANN ROSS AT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16 BROADMOOR DRIVE:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use Regulation confirming the withdrawal of the Coastal General Permit of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ross. The letter advised that the project met the requirements of a permit-by-rule and did not require a CAFRA general permit for property located at 16 Broadmoor Drive.

On motion by Councilwoman DeVoe, seconded by Councilman Rubin, the three (3) communications on the Consent Agenda were ordered received. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2013-0709-121 AUTHORIZING THE CORRECTION OF A SALARY ON THE SALARY RESOLUTION ADOPTED JUNE 13, 2013:

2013-0709-121

Councilman Day offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION FIXING SALARIES OF CERTAIN
BOROUGH OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES**

WHEREAS, an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE FIXING COMPENSATION OF BOROUGH OFFICERS AND CERTAIN BOROUGH EMPLOYEES IN THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON, NEW JERSEY” has been adopted following public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provides for salary ranges of various job titles and positions; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Council to fix the salaries of those individuals who hold such positions;

WHEREAS, an error was made on the 2013 Salary for Full-time Police Dispatcher Angel Marrero designated as an annual salary of \$29,237 on Resolution 2013-0613-105 adopted at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on June 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the correct amount is an annual salary of \$29,822.00;

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the salaries of the officers and employees holding the positions set forth below, and subject to the salary ranges set forth in the aforementioned ordinance, are hereby fixed effective January 1, 2013 as follows:

<u>TITLE OF POSITION</u>	<u>2013 SALARY AS OF JANUARY 1, 2013</u>
Police Dispatchers (Full-time) (Angel Marrero)	\$ 29,822.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above rates shall be retroactive to January 1, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Payroll Clerk and Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried upon the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Day, DeVoe, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION 2013-0709-122 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO APPLY FOR A \$30,000.00 “COMPLETE THE STRATEGIC RECOVER PLANNING GRANT” FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

2013-0709-122

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON,
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPLY FOR
A “COMPLETE THE STARATEGIC RECOVERY PLANNING GRANT”
FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community affairs for approximately \$30,000 to “Complete the Strategic Recovery Planning Grant;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson:

- 1) that the Borough of Rumson does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Rumson and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other document necessary in connection therewith:

Thomas S. Rogers
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

John E. Ekdahl
Mayor

The above Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilwoman DeVoe. Motion seconded by Councilman Broderick and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Day, DeVoe, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

\$	64.80	NJ Dept Health/Sr Services
\$	3.00	Rita Pyndus
\$	4.50	Robert Savoth
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\$	72.30	Animal Control Account
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\$	294.97	Builders General Supply Co
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\$	294.97	Capital Account
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\$	7.05	New Jersey American Water
\$	15.72	NJ Natural Gas Co
\$	1,105.25	Jeffrey R Surenian & Assoc LLC
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\$	1,128.02	COAH Trust Fund

\$	5,060.37	Allied Oil LLC
\$	130.00	AR Communications
\$	428.35	Atlantic Plumbing Supply Corp
\$	1,133.45	Bob's Uniform Shop
\$	18,660.00	Borough of Fair Haven
\$	64.00	Butch's Auto Car Wash Inc
\$	165.00	Cavanaugh's Pest Control
\$	5,202.15	Coded Systems LLC
\$	1,222.00	Cross Over Networks
\$	549.50	Custom Tire Associates
\$	4,095.36	Delta Dental of New Jersey Inc
\$	413,738.94	Depository Trust Company
\$	170.00	Dynamic Testing Service
\$	82.00	Jane F Hartman
\$	5,062.75	Hess Corporation
\$	888.94	Home Depot Commercial Credit
\$	1,032.87	Industrial Repair
\$	17,016.80	Information Station
\$	6,051.47	JCP&L
\$	1,405.50	Jesco Inc
\$	261.81	John Deere Landscaping
\$	266.76	Kaldor Emergency Lights LLC
\$	12,625.00	KKD Enterprises Inc
\$	75.00	Marie Kuhlthau
\$	22.50	Lawes
\$	400.00	Maglocen
\$	591.82	Major Safety Service Inc
\$	1,574.86	Marpal Disposal
\$	52.00	Mazza & Sons Inc
\$	1,176.26	Mid-Atlantic Truck Centre Inc
\$	150.00	Monmouth County Assessor Assoc
\$	383.89	Monmouth County Treasurer
\$	235.11	Naylor's Auto Parts
\$	10,566.58	New Jersey American Water
\$	334.47	NJ Natural Gas Co
\$	79,962.53	State of NJ Pensions/Active
\$	41,302.29	State of NJ Pensions/Retiree
\$	223.14	One Call Concepts
\$	600.00	Oswald Enterprises Inc
\$	82.00	Pep Express Parts
\$	30.00	Powerhouse Signworks
\$	1,402.50	Pumping Services Inc
\$	575.00	Bernard M Reilly LLC
\$	1,770.00	Reliance Graphics
\$	1,845.41	Reussille Law Firm LLC
\$	3,089,780.93	Rumson Elementary School Dist
\$	2,174,466.29	RFH Regional High School
\$	119.07	Seaboard Welding Supply Inc
\$	350.00	State Shorthand Reporting Service
\$	349.06	Staples Advantage
\$	252.94	Stavola Asphalt Co Inc
\$	2,195.00	Targeted Technologies LLC
\$	226.50	T & M Associates
\$	7,858.25	Treasurer State of NJ
\$	50.00	Treasurer State of New Jersey
\$	106.95	The Two River Times
\$	32.50	Up-Tite Fasteners Inc
\$	29.50	Verizon
\$	36.34	Warshauer Electric Supply
\$	92.29	Werner Automotive
\$	5,914,614.00	Current Fund
\$	150.00	New Jersey DCA

\$	1,500.00	Holman Frenia Allison PC
\$	59.90	Thomas S Rogers
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\$	1,709.90	Endowment Inc Account
\$	500.00	Durant Cogger
\$	52.10	NJ E-ZPass
\$	175.00	Caroline Heins
\$	45.00	Jeanette Hogan
\$	275.00	Sophie C Knochenhaver
\$	120.00	Dennis Lee
\$	37.50	Nelson Press
\$	200.00	New Jersey Recreation &
\$	541.25	Oriental Trading Company Inc
\$	20.62	Sarah Orsay
\$	2,580.00	MOSA
\$	1,025.00	The New Fun Services
\$	5,634.00	George T Sourlis
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\$	11,205.47	Recreation Account
\$	322.25	Michael B Steib PA
\$	972.75	T & M Associates
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\$	1,295.00	Trust Account
\$	19,566.77	Current Fund Appropriations
\$	5,895,047.23	Current Fund Appropriations
\$	72.30	Animal Control Fund Expenses
\$	294.97	Capital Fund Disbursements
\$	1,709.90	Endowment Disbursements
\$	11,205.47	Recreation Disbursements
\$	2,423.02	Trust Fund – Other Expenses
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\$	5,930,319.66	Total Of All Funds

Resolution seconded by Councilman Broderick and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Day, DeVoe, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time and no one responded.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

The Mayor afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time and the following residents responded:

Tom Ridgway of 56 Blackpoint Road stated that he and his neighbors were concerned with the number of students who park in the streets near Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School—not only from the standpoint of causing congestion, litter and driveways being blocked, but mainly for the safety of the children who walk to Forrestdale and Deane-Porter Schools. Many parents also drop off their children for school, which creates more congestion with the added traffic in the area. He stated that if something wasn't done now, there might be a time when the question was what we could have done. Mr. Ridgway stated that there was a 2-hour parking limit on the south side of Blackpoint Road between Forrest Avenue and East River Road on school days and proposed that the same restriction be put on the north side also. He stated that a large number of children who walk to school use Blackpoint Road and this parking restriction was very much needed. Mr. Ridgway added that if RFH Regional High School couldn't accommodate all the students that drive to school in their parking lots, then perhaps they should issue parking permits for use of their lots and only those with permits be allowed to drive to school.

Mayor Ekdahl advised that the Borough has tried to have them issue permits but it did not work out.

Ray Viggiano of 54 Blackpoint Road stated that he has seen the number of grade school students that walk down his street to school each day and witnessed the high school students who are in a hurry in the morning and drive fast with screeching tires as they park. He added that they use driveways to turn around and are a hazard at times as they back out and park. Mr. Viggiano stated that it wasn't really a parking issue, but rather a safety issue for the children on this heavily traveled street. He added that another issue was that often people go the wrong way on the section of Blackpoint Road between Bingham and Forrest Avenues and go right through the intersection at Forrest Avenue because there is no stop sign on Blackpoint going east.

In answer to a question from Councilman Shanley, Mr. Ridgway stated that approximately fifteen (15) cars park on the north side of Blackpoint Road during school hours. He added that, with many of the vehicles being SUVs and higher than cars, it makes it very difficult to see the traffic at the corner and the children walking on the sidewalks.

Councilman Hemphill stated that he did not understand the benefit of having a 2-hour limit for parking.

Mayor Ekdahl stated that the 2-hour limit effectively worked because the students couldn't leave school during the day to move their cars to the restricted streets. This limit also allows their visitors to park in front of the residents' homes. He added that the 2-hour limit was from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on school days only.

Mr. Ridgway stated that the Police had gotten calls from the residents on the north side of Blackpoint Road because of cars parked overhanging the driveways.

Councilwoman DeVoe stated that there should be an increased police presence up and down Forrest Avenue to uphold the speed limits and the parking.

Mayor Ekdahl stated that the Police regularly patrol the school area during opening and closing times checking the crossing guards and traffic.

Mr. Viggiano stated that it was not only the students walking to school that was a concern, but the traffic congestion caused by the parents driving down Blackpoint Avenue to drop off their children at school. He said that he has to drive toward East River Road in the morning so that he doesn't get stuck in the traffic at Forrest Avenue.

Mr. Ridgway stated that some of the residents do park on the north side of Blackpoint as he does.

In answer to a question by the Mayor, the Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated it may have been a decision by the Police Department, but he thought that the residents who had originally come to a Council meeting to have the parking problem addressed had requested that the restriction be on only one side of Blackpoint Road.

It was noted by the Council that RFH had plans to increase their parking in the future to add perhaps ten (10) more spaces.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated that the School is replacing the equipment trailers with a building that will house everything freeing up room for the additional parking.

Mayor Ekdahl stated that the Council could advise the Police Department that residents had requested that parking on the north side of Blackpoint Road between East River Road and Forrest Avenue also be restricted to 2-hour parking between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on school days and request the Police to provide their feedback.

In response to a comment from Mr. Ridgway, the Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised that Narumson Street had always been no parking except on the south side in front of the houses, which was added when we paved the road. He added that the Police Department had requested that Blossom Road be made no parking on the east side because emergency vehicles couldn't go down the road with cars parked on both sides.

Mr. Ridgway asked what the procedure was to have the 2-hour parking on the north side of Blackpoint Road.

Mayor Ekdahl advised him that the Police Department would be asked for their recommendation and if they gave the okay, then the Council would have to adopt an ordinance.

Mr. Ridgway stated that the Police Department was aware of the problem because he and some of his neighbors had called with complaints of about driveways being blocked.

Mr. Viggiano stated that he had observed children crossing in the middle of the block between parked cars and riding skateboards in the street, which put them in danger of being hit.

Mr. Ridgway added that the drivers of the cars that pull into driveways to turn around couldn't see the children on the sidewalks because of the parked cars blocking their view.

Mayor Ekdahl stated that the Municipal Clerk/Administrator would refer the request to the Police Chief.

Mr. Ridgway thanked the members of the Council for their time and thanked Mayor Ekdahl for his years of service as the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Broderick, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator